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SUBJECT: ASSISTING TYPHOON REMING VICTIMS

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¶1. Summary: Over 1300 people are dead or missing due to the volcanic debris and mudslides caused by Typhoon Reming. In response to this tragedy, the Ambassador exercised her disaster assistance authority, enabling USAID to provide some \$400,000 in assistance to relief organizations. Airlifted goods to assist 7,000 families will arrive December 7. We continue to assess needs and may well look to identify other areas in which the USG can assist the victims. End Summary.

¶2. USAID has released \$250,000 in emergency grants to the Red Cross and World Vision. USAID is also flying in relief supplies, including plastic sheeting for temporary shelter and hygiene kits, at a cost of some \$150,000, bringing the total amount of assistance to date to \$400,000.

¶3. A joint JUSMAG/USAID team visited the affected area today (12/06) to assess needs. While we do not have the full report, their preliminary assessment suggested the main needs may be for clean water and emergency medical personnel. JUSMAG will review possibilities to assist with this need.

¶4. The Ambassador, Philippine Red Cross President Senator Richard Gordon and U.S. military personnel will join USAID personnel in a ceremony publicizing the arrival of the plane carrying the U.S. relief commodities on December 7.

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